

Good Morning

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GREEK ORTHODOX

This is Sea Justice by a Barrister - at - Law

SINCE the outbreak of war is in her becomes droit of the Crown, which does not mean put under arrest. This is done by nailing a writ to the "criminal's" mast.

Such ships came up for trial, as it were, in the Prize Court, in the Law Courts in the Strand.

Up to this time of writing, these "arrests" have resulted in prize awards totalling over £7,000,000.

The term "prize" applies to ships or cargoes captured by naval forces of a belligerent at sea, or seized in port. All such seizures in war are called "droit of the Crown."

But before any ship or cargo can be transferred to the Crown the Prize Court has to "try" her on the general charge of being owned by, or in the service of, the enemy.

The actual court which handles this business is shared by the Admiralty with the Divorce Division and matters of Probate. Its jurisdiction extends over the seven seas.

Some queer customers sometimes come up for trial. But few more queer than the ship Ophelia, carrying on her nefarious activities camouflaged as a hospital ship, being actually a scout.

Now the amazing thing about such war-time trials of enemy craft is the utter fairness of the trial. The captain of the Ophelia was represented by counsel.

He was even permitted to appeal. He lost that appeal, but the point is—he got precisely the same treatment as a British national in times of peace.

ARRESTING A SHIP.

These defendants are brought to court in war by two means: action at sea, action in port. The commander of a belligerent at sea has the right to visit ships on the high seas to go into their credentials.

To make matters easier for neutrals, the M.E.W. invented the familiar Navicerts, clearances issued before sailing.

A suspected ship is brought into port by a party put aboard her, or brought to a contraband control anchorage—Kirkwall, The Downs, Weymouth, Gibraltar and Haifa. She may at this point be said to be run in or picked up.

The Admiralty marshal next wires the Excise and Customs of the port, and that telegram is "nailed to her mast." Soon after arrives the pukka writ.

She has now got a "man in possession." In London the ship is then tried. If she is convicted, then she and all that

No Jerry

THE Cornish local authorities are jealously guarding their beauty spots, which they evidently intend to protect from the jerry builder of the future. Plans are afoot for declaring a great length of coastline from Tintagel to Newquay as a national park where only the public would have access on foot and only youth hostels or holiday camps permitted.

The "little man" sends his



An open-air service aboard the Greek cruiser Georgeos Averoff as she lay off Southampton.

THE Christians of Greece, Turkey, Russia, and a number of other countries, belong to what is generally called the "Greek Orthodox Church," more correctly the "Holy Oriental Orthodox Apostolic Church."

The adjective "Greek" arises not because modern Greece is one of the strongholds of the Church, but because the origin of the Church is to be found in those churches founded by the Apostles in countries where Greek was the language, as distinct from the churches found in the countries where Latin was the usual language.

To-day, the word "Greek" has no particular significance, and, in fact, the majority of the many millions of adherents of the Greek Church from Poland to India are probably outside Greece.

Romance also clings to the famous Black Book. In this book customary sea law is set down. It was once lost, then found in an old box in Doctors Commons in a building destroyed in the air raids of 1941.

From the ancient legal usage of England, as set forth in the Black Book, has developed international law as it touches the sea.

It is said that no mariner, under any circumstances of peace or of war, ever demurs at standing his trial before this court, whose impartiality has become a byword among seafarers the world over.

The Latin leaders of the Church inserted the single tract to the Roman Catholic word "Filioque"—"and the Church, acknowledges no visible vicar of Christ" on earth. The Church is ruled by Patriarchs, but, at any rate in the theory, the Church is more "democratic" and the doctrine of the infallibility of a ruler of the Church is not accepted.

The Eastern Churches refused this addition, which they considered struck at fundamentals, and, as a matter of fact, they remain the only important Christian community monks, of whom there are a

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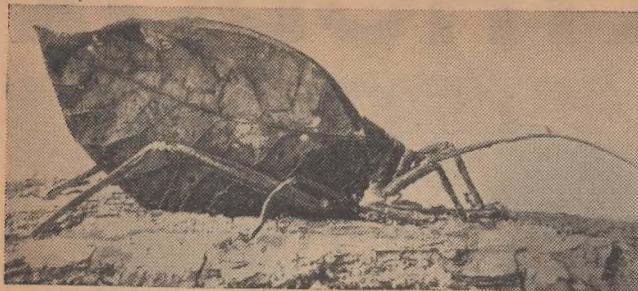
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One South American locust looks like a tree leaf.

Look Out for These No. 4—THE LOCUST

TO most people, the mention of the grasshopper brings the main breeding grounds of pleasant memories of summer, of locusts, but wherever they settle long, lazy afternoons, with only they completely clear the land of the whirring of their wings to every vestige of greenery.

The result is widespread famine and a great deal of disease owing to the decomposed bodies of those insects that die. It is therefore little to be wondered at that the Bible makes mention of locust plagues as punishment for wrong-doers.

Locust plagues are by no means extinct now. In recent years, swarms have caused great havoc in Spain, Egypt, India and parts of America, but a campaign is under way to exterminate the breeding grounds of the insects by the spraying of poison dust by aeroplanes, and even by the dropping of fire-bombs.

In spite of the great damage caused by locusts, and in spite of the harmlessness of the ordinary tacular figures. It was estimated grasshopper, the two insects are to weight 42,850 millions of tons almost identical. The only difference is that the locust has much larger wings, and covered an area of 2,000 square miles.

The innumerable insects in which are suitably veined to be guessed at when it resembles leaves, although this is borne in mind that the average last factor has no appreciable weight of one locust is one six-thousandth of an ounce.

C. R.

Ants Run Their Own Fire Service

Reports Fred Kitchen

JESSE, like a good many people, was under the impression that bees were the most highly organised community in the insect world. But then, Jesse is no field-naturalist in the accepted sense of the word—only a hedger and ditcher, with a strong attachment to his feathered and furred companions of the hedgerows.

The fact is, he has a strong aversion to insects of any kind, and “pismires”—the country name for ants—in particular.

He always looks carefully in the hedgerows before sitting down to lunch, lest he should sit on a nest of ants, for he “can’t abide ‘em a-crawlin’ up my legs.”

However, he has now become more closely acquainted with them—though he still doesn’t like them.

It happened this way:

The field adjoining the wood is sown with sugar beet this year, and a party of schoolboys have been engaged in singling them out.

One day at noon they were having lunch under the wood-side when the schoolmaster paid them a visit—probably to have a talk with Jesse, for the schoolmaster is even keener than Jesse on birds and animals.

A wild rose bush was trying to grow just inside the wood. But lack of sunshine and rain had deprived it of making a decent living, and it was a sorry, straggling specimen, hardly fit to be called a plant of any kind.

Also, it was infested on one side with green-fly, which made the schoolmaster remark that they were probably being “farmed” there by a nest of ants.

“Farmed?” inquired Jesse. And there and then the party was instructed on the ways of wood-ants... how the green-fly sucks the sap out of the wood, while in turn the ants “milk” the green-fly of the

honey-dew secreted in their bodies.

Some carry away the milk to feed the young ants, while others—the soldiers—remain on guard to keep the green-fly from harm.

“Wonderful!” remarked Jesse, a trifle doubtfully, “and what about these little spiders, clinging to this side of the bush? Have they ought to do with this milk business?”

“Not exactly, Jesse!” replied his tutor friend, “though they have an interest in wood-ants.”

“As you know, Nature has a way of keeping the balance. So, first, there’s the green-fly destroying the rose bush; then along come the ants, robbing the green-fly of its sustenance; then comes the spider to eat up the ants.

“Then, of course, there are certain birds that feast upon the spider, and so Nature maintains a fairly regular limit of birds and insects.”

“I can understand birds, mister—or animals,” said Jesse, “but these ‘ere insects I can’t thoil wi’ ‘em. They gi’ me the itch to see ‘em crawl about!”

“They’re quite as interesting as birds, Jesse,” said his friend, persuading him to examine them more closely.

Looking well into the bush, Jesse saw that the ants were not killing the green-fly, as he supposed—but standing behind them, stroking them with their “feelers” until all the honey-dew was extracted.

We saw, too, that the ants were coming and going in one direction, and that made it easy to find the nest—a rotted log, half-buried in fallen leaves.

There was quite a stir of excitement when the log was there?”

Thanks for the Spread, Messrs. Marcom Ltd.

IN spite of rationing, Britain is eating twice as much margarine as in pre-war days—400,000 tons a year. It is hardly too much to say that by providing a palatable and vital fat, “marg” has saved Britain during the critical years when shipping difficulties have made it impossible to import butter on the pre-war scale.

Margarine was invented directly as the result of the siege of Paris in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870.

The supplies of fat in Europe had long been lagging behind the rapidly growing population, and the deficit, made acute by the war, led Napoleon III to offer a prize for a fat that would be as appetising, nutritious and stable as butter.

The first “marg” was produced by the French scientist, Mege-Mouriés, who believed he could turn beef fat into butter by digesting it with the natural chemicals from the stomachs of pigs or sheep and then churning the treated fat with milk.

This crude, butter-like product was, in fact, only the softer portion of the original fat with a milky flavour. But his process laid the foundations of modern margarine manufacture, and the principle of emulsifying fat by churning with milk is retained in principle to-day.

IT SMELLED.

No one accustomed to the smooth spreading, well-coloured margarine would recognise the early products as margarine at all. They were unpleasantly greasy and sticky, often had an unattractive smell and taste, and did not spread easily.

But scientific and technical research slowly improved the quality of margarine and very greatly widened the range of raw materials that could be used in its manufacture—a very important matter since none of the industrialised coun-

tries could import enough butter to enable the masses to eat it.

The dairy industry, of course, opposed the production of margarine, and there was a good deal of prejudice against it owing to the taste of the early products. But in 1889 a Dane named Otto Monsted opened the first up-to-date factory in Britain.

During the next ten years great progress was made in the use of vegetable oils for blending with animal fats, and between 1900 and 1910 the technique of making a good margarine from nothing but vegetable fats was mastered.

The vegetable fats used are coconut and palm kernel oils blended with the oils of peanuts, sesame or cottonseed.

Britain had lagged behind in the production of margarine, but after a bad start she contributed two vital inventions.

The first was a process for hydrogenating the oils, enabling cheaper oils with a low melting point to be made into products equal to the best for margarine, and the second the perfection of methods by which margarine can be “vitaminised,” making it the equal in vitamin potency of butter. This dates from 1928, and recently it was made compulsory for margarine to be given a vitamin content equal to that of the best summer butter.

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WITH VITAMINS.

The declining health of the people during the 1914-18 war resulting from food shortages led to intense investigation of the nutritive value of margarine. Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins had discovered vitamins in 1912, and wartime research led to the perfection of the vitaminisation process. It also led to great improvements in the taste and “spreadability” of margarine.

The lesson of 1914-18 was that under war conditions Britain would have to be largely dependent upon margarine for its fat ration, and that an adequate fat ration was essential for health and vigour.

When the danger of a new war became apparent, steps were taken to secure adequate reserves of the raw materials of margarine and to expand the industry from a production of about 186,000 tons a year to 400,000 tons.

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Ltd.,” were able to make good the loss with other materials without affecting the quality of the margarine.

An interesting point is that the raw materials of margarine and soap are largely the same. With a limited amount of shipping space and limited supplies of the raw material, it was necessary to choose between margarine and soap—and soap went on the ration.

The 20 per cent. cut in the consumption of soap has enabled the margarine ration to be maintained.

IT SAVED BRITAIN.

The feature of modern margarine manufacture is the very high degree of scientific control attained over the raw materials and their treatment. Every process is carried out with scrupulous cleanliness—there is probably no branch of food manufacture where more attention is paid to this. The manufacture is wholly automatic—from first to last none of the materials are touched by hand, and even the finished margarine is wrapped and packed by machinery.

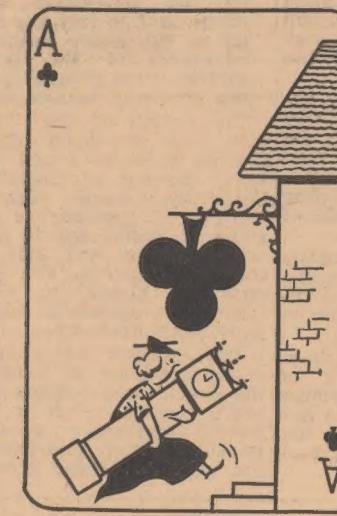
Margarine is one of the great food inventions. It has not only saved Britain in two wars, but even in peace time enables the poor to have a diet richer in fats than would be possible if they had to rely upon butter.

T. S. DOUGLAS.

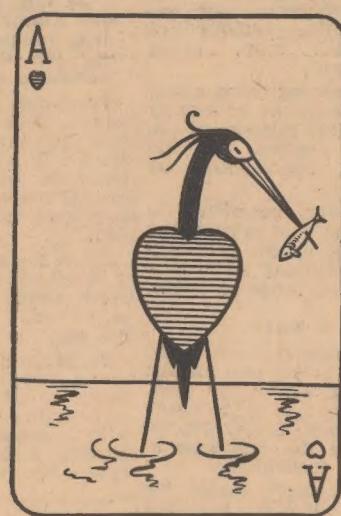
DRAW WITH JACK GREENALL. DEAL YOURSELF FOUR ACES.—If you’re keen on spoiling a good pack of cards, here’s your chance! See what can be done by using the four aces as the basic of designs. Now you try, using any card (bar face cards). It’s a game you’ll find highly amusing. Note: to save spoiling cards, trace the pips.

PLAYING CARD PICTURES

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Ace of Clubs



Ace of Hearts



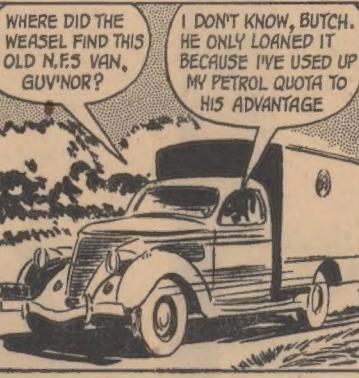
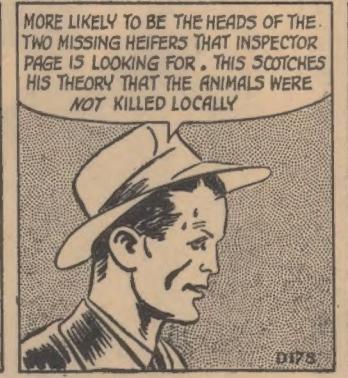
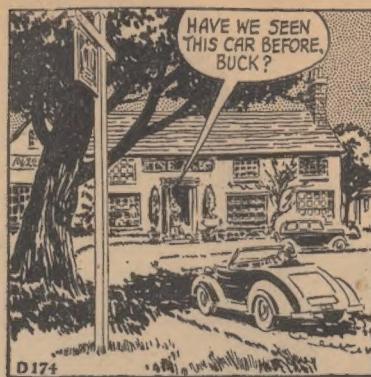
Ace of Diamonds



Ace of Spades

JACK GREENALL

BUCK RYAN



STAMP MARKET NEWS

By J.S. Newcombe —

THE Post Office did a swift piece of work when the Channel Islands were liberated. Two or three days after the German garrison formally surrendered, letter post between the islands and the mainland was restored.

Various methods were employed to frank the letters. Some of the mail bore no stamp at all.

Other envelopes were impressed with a circular "paid" mark, the name of the island and the date. Later appeared letters with the current British stamps cancelled Jersey or Guernsey, and Channel Islands in small type.

I received a letter from Jersey, postmarked 9.30 a.m., May 22, 1945, franked with the 2½d. blue pictorial stamp issued during the German occupation.

The design is a view of Mont Orgueil Castle above the tiny harbour of Gorey on the south-east tip of the island, well-known to English visitors. The paper is coarse and the printing crude.

There is a rumour circulating that the current British postage stamps are considered not altogether satisfactory, and that in the near future they will be re-designed.

I am not clear what it is in their design that finds disfavour with authority. If we do get a new issue it is unlikely to be pictorial or anything outside tradition.

Anyone with half an hour to fill up might employ it by listing a series of pictorial designs for a new British series ranging in value from 1d. to £1. The subjects will readily suggest themselves: St. Paul's; Windsor Castle; Canterbury Cathedral; Princes Street, Edinburgh; Snowdon; The Giant's Causeway, and so on.

A few weeks ago I mentioned a series of German stamps issued in the autumn of 1943 with designs of the various weapons used by the army which made its appearance on Der Tag der Wehrmacht (Army Day).

The 25 pfennig value had as its design what I supposed were smoke screen projectors. I think everybody else supposed the same.

Now, according to the London "Daily Express," the projectors were in fact V2 rockets being simultaneously released from an open field, though, the report adds, "few Germans realised it." The Germans are nothing if not impudent.

RECENT events in Danzig have brought the stamps of the free City back into popular favour.

Writing in the New York "Stamps," a correspondent says: The occupation of Danzig by Hitler in 1939 placed the Free City in a temporary eclipse. Whether she will arise Phoenix-like after the conflict to be a new independent city it is impossible to predict.

It is safe to say that neither Poland nor the Danzigers were satisfied with the arrangements provided by the Treaty of Versailles, and that Poland will not wish again to be so allied.

Probably some Polish influence will be always present in this great city with so proud a history. A Polish duke ministered at her birth, a Polish king protected her during a troublesome middle age, Polish misfortune caused her death as an independent city, and Polish need brought its "reincarnation" after World War I. Perhaps Polish generosity and sympathy will aid in freeing her from Nazi oppression.

ALL stamps of the Nazi regime in Germany have been called in by the Allied Military Government and stocks will be destroyed.

They are replaced by Military Government stamps in nine denominations, printed by lithography in America. The design is a Gothic "M" in white upon an oval coloured plaque.

Illustrated this week is a French charity stamp issued in September last for Widows and Orphans of Aviators; and the Luxembourg "thanksgiving" stamps for France and Russia.



NORWICH



The Navy is here, too, getting his girl's name made of gold wire, so he doesn't need to forget that it really was Jane he met in Norwich.



The Cattle Market, where the old uns tell the young uns about them there beasts we uster drive home after the sales.



Noble City Hall, about which opinions are divided—and the tower where the siren sounded and doesn't sound any more for raids.



London street, one of the friendly shopping centres, with memories lying thick upon it.



The Flower Market is a picture of colour with blossoms gay on every stall.



And here is the exact centre of the town, a cobbled street on Elm Hill, deep in shadow and streaked with sunshine.